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1. THE CIVIL GOVERNORS OF THE VARIOUS SPANISH PROVINCES
MET IN MADRID SPETEMBER 6-7 WITH THEIR IMMEDIATE BOSS,
INTERIOR MINISTER MARTIN VILLA, SIX OTHER MINISTERS, AND
PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ. SUCH GATHERINGS ARE NOT UNUSUAL,
BUT THIS ONE TOOK ON ADDED IMPORTANCE DUE TO THE (RATHER
ARTIFICIAL) "CRISIS" ATMOSPHERE AND FALL-OUT FROM THE
BLANCO AFFAIR (REFTEL).

2. THE INTERIOR MINISTER WAS THE FIRST DAY'S CENTER OF
ATTENTION. WITH THE POLITICALLY EMBARRASSING BLANCO CASE
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EVIDENTLY MUCH ON HIS MIND, HE DISCUSSED AT CONSIDERABLE
LENGTH THE INTERACTION OF PUBLIC ORDER WITH CIVIL LIBERTIES,
UNION ACTIVITIES, AND POLITICAL PARTIES. AS CATHOLIC
CENTRIST MADRID DAILY "YA" SUMMARIZED HIS CONCLUSIONS, "A
COORDINATION AND TEMPERING OF THE FORCES OF PUBLIC ORDER
ARE NECESSARY...IN CONSONANCE WITH THE NEW POLITICAL
SITUATION,...PROVIDING ABNORMAL SITUATIONS DO NOT EXIST

WHICH A DEMOCRACY NEITHER CAN NOR SHOULD PERMIT." LATER, COMMENTING ON THE LEGALIZATION OF POLITICAL PARTIES (STILL PENDING FOR A NUMBER OF SPLINTER GROUPS), HE CONFIRMED THAT ALL WOULD EVENTUALLY BE LEGALIZED EXCEPT THOSE WHOSE STATUTES DEDICATE THEM TO "ARMED STRUGGLE."

3. OVER THE TWO DAY MEETING, THE GOVERNORS WERE ALSO ADDRESSED BY THE MINISTERS OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY (SANCHEZ DE LEON), PUBLIC WORKS AND URBAN AFFAIRS (GARRIGUES WALKER), EDUCATION AND SCIENCE (INIGO CAVERO), LABOR (JIMENEZ DE PARGA), CULTURE (CABANILLAS), COMMERCE (GARCIA DIAZ), AND THE REGIONS (CLAVERO AREVALO). AMONG THE MORE INTERESTING COMMENTS:

-- JIMENEZ DE PARGA (LABOR) REFERRED TO THE HERITAGE OF PAST LABOR PRACTICES, WHICH HAD LEFT SPAIN WITH "NON-EXISTENT INSTITUTIONS AND HABITS NOT ACQUIRED," AFFIRMED THAT THE GOVT. DESIRED TO "GOVERN, NOT IMPOSE", AND CONFIRMED ONCE AGAIN THAT HE EXPECTS TRADE UNION PLANT COMMITTEE ELECTIONS THIS FALL.

--CLAVERO AREVALO (THE REGIONS) STATED THAT THE INTENTION OF THE GOVT WAS TO GIVE INCREASINGLY GREATER POWERS TO THE REGIONS, AND TO SEEK TO MAKE THEM SELF-FINANCING.

4. ON SEPTEMBER 7, PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ MET WITH THE GOVERNORS FOR OVER TWO HOURS. AFTERWARDS HE TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE HAD REVIEWED NATIONAL POLICY AND ANSWERED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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QUESTIONS. WHEN ASKED IF HE HAD GIVEN THE GOVERNORS ANY SPECIAL "WATCHWORD", HE REPLIED, "TO WORK".

5. LATER THE SAME DAY, AT A LUNCHEON FOR THE PRESS, MARTIN VILLA RETURNED TO THE THEME OF CIVIL LIBERTIES AND PUBLIC ORDER. HE AFFIRMED THAT CIVIL LIBERTIES SHOULD BE CLEARLY DEFINED IN THE NEW CONSTITUTION. WHILE DEMOCRACY IS TRYING TO ADVANCE IN SPAIN, CERTAIN MINORITIES ARE CHALLENGING THE POLICE IN THE STREETS AND TRYING BY EVERY MEANS TO WEAKEN THE PROCESS. (APPROPRIATELY, THE SUAREZ MEETING WITH THE CIVIL GOVERNORS HAD BEEN HARASSED BY A FALSE BOMB THREAT FROM AN ALLEGED GRAPO TERRORIST SPOKESMAN). REGARDING THE BEHAVIOR OF THE PUBLIC ORDER FORCES, HE NOTED THE PROVOCATION THEY WERE FACED WITH IN SOME AREAS, AND APPEALED (SENSIBLY ENOUGH) THAT NOT ALL BE JUDGED IN THE LIGHT OF A FEW INCIDENTS (NOT YET CLARIFIED" (ANOTHER APPARENT REFERENCE TO THE BLANCO CASE).EATON

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